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CONDEMN BAD NEGROES

COLORED MINISTERS ADOPT SIGNIFICANT RESOLUTIONS.

Governor Durbin Mentioned as Good Candidate for President—Address of Mayor Bookwalter.

At the Second Baptist Church yesterday morning the forty-sixth annual meeting of the Indiana Ministerial Association was begun and will continue until tomorrow morning. Mayor Charles A. Bookwalter delivered an address of welcome. He was well received, and there was much enthusiasm during his speech. The mayor spoke of the good that such an organization does, and he assured the members that the respectable and law-abiding colored citizens of Indianapolis should have all the protection in his power while he was in office. Resolutions were adopted regarding the lawlessness of the lower class of negroes that come to this city and commit wrongs for which all are held responsible.

Rev. Y. C. Terrell responded to the welcome of Mayor Bookwalter, and in the course of his remarks paid a high tribute to Governor Durbin, advocating him for the presidency of the United States. Rev. W. E. Thomas, of Anderson, is acting as moderator of the meeting. Frank M. Gilliam delivered a short talk in behalf of the church, and Elder J. Franklin Walker spoke in behalf of the Ministerial Association of the city.

Last night a crowd that filled the church heard Elder B. Hillman preach the doctrinal sermon. There was hardly a minute that the church was not filled with a volume of "amen"s and "halleluiah"s and exclamations. Following the sermon a reception was given in the parlors of the church in honor of the delegates. The opening address was made by Earl Williams, Miss Savile Coleman rendered solo, and then an address in behalf of the young people was made by Fred Robinson. Mrs. Mary Hitchens made a brief talk concerning the work of the women and then a solo was rendered by Mrs. S. H. Gibson. A dramatic recitation by Fred Hodge followed, after which there was a solo by Joseph Washington. The programme came to a close with a few songs by E. B. Phillips.

Routine work will largely occupy the members of the convention this morning, and an election of officers will be held at 10:45. In the afternoon a devotional service will be held at 2 o'clock, and after that will be a missionary sermon by Elder B. R. Reed. To-night Dr. J. D. Rose will preach. The session will close tomorrow morning with a business meeting.

UNION-STREET FIRE.

Three Houses Badly Damaged by Early Morning Blaze.

Fire from an unknown origin started in the one-story house occupied by Albert Brenton, at No. 1838 Union street, yesterday morning. The fire spread to Herman Louine's one-story house, at No. 1857, and to the home of Joseph Urtwitz, at No. 1858. Five fire boxes in the vicinity were overlooked, and the alarm was turned from the one at Lincoln lane and Madison avenue at 2 o'clock, and no fire. When the department arrived the men had to search for the fire, which in the meantime had spread to the three houses. Brenton's loss was about \$500 on the house and \$200 on furnishings, without insurance. Louine's loss was about \$1,000 on the house and \$200 on household goods, fully covered by insurance.

DR. BRAYTON'S CONDITION.

Not Expected to Recover from Effects of Fall from Car.

Dr. Alenbert W. Brayton, who is critically ill as the result of injuries sustained by a fall from a street car, was much worse last night and is not expected to recover. At the time of the accident he was suffering from stomach and bowel trouble and the effects of the fall have been more serious than was expected.

Dr. Brayton is vice dean of the Indiana Medical College and editor of the Indiana Medical Journal. He has been a member of the college for a number of years. He served for two terms as coroner of Marion county.

Miller Boy Missing.

Nathaniel Miller, the fourteen-year-old son of Henry Miller, janitor of the Talbot block, left home more than three weeks ago and nothing has been heard of the boy since. Miller's home is at 1721 Alford street. The police have been trying for more than a week to find the boy without success.

RAISE IN TAX LEVY

INCREASE NECESSARY IF FIREMEN'S SALARIES ARE RAISED.

City Controller Says Councilman Souther's Ordinance Means \$28,000 Addition to City Pay Roll.

TWO PER CENT. ADDED TO LEVY

WILL BE REQUIRED, SAYS BREUNIG, TO MEET THIS INCREASE.

City Will Be Unable to Establish Substations for Police for at Least Another Year.

City Controller Breunig says the tax levy of Indianapolis must be increased 2 percent, to 38 per cent., if Councilman Souther's ordinance to increase the salaries of the members of the fire department is passed. The ordinance contemplates an increase of a little more than \$28,000 a year in the annual pay roll of the fire department, instead of only \$15,000, as was thought at first. And the city controller says the city will not have the revenue with which to pay the increased salaries unless the tax levy is increased at least 2 per cent.

Mr. Breunig said he is not authorized a statement that he is opposed to the ordinance, but he is opposed to an increase in the tax levy. In an interview in the Journal yesterday Mr. Breunig said it was the intention of the administration to lower the tax levy for next year, if this is possible. The assessment of real estate for next year is increased about \$12,000,000 and a decrease in the levy will not decrease the amount of taxation.

After a long conference with Chairman Keller, of the Board of Public Safety, yesterday afternoon Mr. Breunig gave out the statement that the city probably will not be able for another year at least to establish any sub-station. But other help to the police department is being planned. It cannot be told for a few weeks yet just how much money the city will be able to expend on the police department. The controller is now getting ready to estimate the annual budget, which will go to the city council next month, and until all the departments report to him how much money they will need next year he cannot make an estimate of the amount the city can spare for the police department outside of the regular salary and current expense appropriations.

"I know the city needs sub-station stations, but I don't see how they can be provided this year, or next year," said Mr. Breunig. "It is impossible just now, however, to tell how much money the various departments will need next year, and how much money we can spend on the police department."

Chairman Keller is planning to lay before the Board of Public Safety in the next few weeks a plan of broadening the capacity of the police department in a way other than by the establishment of sub-stations. This plan would equip the station at Alabama and Pearl streets with a light horse wagon, which plan was outlined in the Journal yesterday morning. Chairman Keller did not make a statement to this effect yesterday, but it is thought that he has promised to do so. The idea has been being able for a year or two to provide funds for the establishment of sub-stations.

Mr. Keller and Chief Cooks have been in conference several days concerning the apportionment of the fire department shall ask in the budget for expenses for next year outside of salaries. Chief Cooks stated that he had not heard of the idea just yet. The department will ask for the budget for the running expenses of the department this year amounted to \$1,000,000.

The Board of Safety probably will send its estimates for appropriations for next year to the city council next week. The entire budget will be made and sent to council within three weeks, it is thought. Mayor Bookwalter said he has not yet received the budget for the year. He said that he has not yet received the budget for the year. He said that he has not yet received the budget for the year.

OBSTREPEROUS YOUTH.
Greensburg Runaway Causes Juvenile Court Official Trouble.

Thirteen-year-old Homer Foster, who said he had run away from his home in Greensburg, afforded the officials of the juvenile court much trouble yesterday. The boy first stated that he had been kidnapped by a couple of tramps while playing in a box car at Greensburg. He then admitted that he ran away from home.

He was placed in the ante room of the court room for safe keeping. He discovered the stairway and started to leave, only to run into the arms of Frank Stevenson, bailiff of the court. He was returned to the room and a few minutes later was seen walking along a narrow, ten-inch ledge of stone projecting from the wall of the building fifty feet from the ground. When brought back through the window through which he had climbed he said he had been looking for a water pipe on which he could make his escape. He also threw his hat out the window and asked permission to go after it. The hat was returned to him. He was taken back to the jail and his parents were notified.

WORK ON ARMY POST.

Capt. Cheatham Here to Assume Charge of Preliminary.

Capt. B. F. Cheatham, who has been sent here by the government to take charge of the construction work on the new army post, has arrived in the city, and is stopping temporarily at the English Hotel. The preliminary work will be the making of a topographical map of the site. Captain Cheatham says this will be begun as soon as possible. Owing to the fact that the land has not yet been formally turned over to the government, the survey cannot be begun until the consent of the farmers, now occupying the land, is secured. Mr. Cheatham says he has taken a trip to the site and expresses himself as much pleased with the land. However, he has not decided as to the location of the different buildings. He will soon establish an office near the site and the regular work will begin.

KILLED AT GREENCASTLE.

Old Man Supposed to Have Lived in Indianapolis.

A dispatch from Greencastle yesterday stated that Thomas Norton, an old man who is thought to be from Indianapolis, had been struck by a train and instantly killed at that place. A card was found in one of his pockets, bearing the address 40 East Washington street. The address is that of the old Little hotel and nothing is known of him at that place. An effort is being made by the police to locate his relatives.

Bold Daylight Thief.

The residence of Gustave Overlander, 324 North California street, was burglarized Tuesday in broad daylight and the thief secured about \$30 and a diamond pin to reward him for the risk he had taken as he was prowling around the house on a second search the telephone bell rang and Mrs. Overlander, who had been asleep, started to get up. She was startled to find a man before her who realized that a robber was in the house. She screamed and he held a knife to her throat and ran out of the back door and disappeared before any neighbors had arrived on the scene.

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LEAKYS MUST COME BACK.

Henry County Car Thieves Must Face Requisition Papers.

An application for a requisition to the Governor of Illinois for the apprehension and rendition of Claude Leaky and Mrs. Anna Leaky, charged with larceny in Henry county, but who fled to Illinois, was filed in the office of the secretary of State. Leaky and his wife were arrested last April and taken to the Panhandle road and took a valuable shotgun and case and 300 dollars. The application states that the couple is now in Springfield, Ill., and it nominates Charles Christopher, sheriff of Henry county, agent to return the fugitives.

CITY WILL BUILD BRIDGE

MAYOR DECIDES TO ASK COUNCIL FOR \$60,000 BOND ISSUE.

Dangerous Structure at Northwestern Avenue Will Be Replaced by Hand-some Modern Bridge.

Mayor Bookwalter will ask Council to authorize a bond issue for the construction of a concrete or Melan arch bridge over Fall Creek at Northwestern avenue. The cost of the bridge has not been estimated, but it is thought a Melan or concrete arch will cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000. The mayor announced yesterday that he would send a communication to the next meeting of the Council, recommending the bond issue.

PROSECUTION PROMISED

BLACKFORD COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S LETTER TO GOVERNOR DURBIN.

Says Members of Mob Will Be Indicted, Prosecuted and Punished to Extent of the Law.

Governor Durbin yesterday received a letter from John Burns, of Hartford City, prosecutor of the Twenty-eighth judicial circuit, saying:

"We are taking all necessary steps to see that every member of this unlawful gang is indicted, prosecuted and punished to the full extent of the law. Our grand jury will be in session the latter part of October next. I will then bring this matter before the grand jury and will do everything in my power to see that they return indictments against every violator."

This in reply to a recent letter from the Governor inquiring concerning the progress of the prosecution of those engaged in rioting at Hartford City recently, when a boy claimed to have been shot by a mob of negroes. It afterwards was discovered that he had mutilated himself.

The governor is very much gratified with this information. He thinks it ought not to be difficult to identify the members of the mob, inasmuch as they boldly went to the county jail and compelled the sheriff to permit them to search it.

CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES

FT. WAYNE MEETING EXPECTED TO BE A RECORD-BREAKER.

Arrangements Effected by Local Committees—New Officers of the State Association.

The twelfth annual State Conference of Charities and Correction, which will be held at Fort Wayne Sept. 23, 24 and 25, is expected to be the most important conference the associations have ever held and to outstrip all former gatherings in this State in the attendance of those interested in such work. The conference is not only for those who are engaged in the work or interested directly, but for those interested as outsiders. The object is to discuss the different phases of the work, exchange views, give experiences and ask questions.

The local committee, which will receive the visitors, includes S. M. Foster, Charles Warden, Charles R. Lane, William P. Cooper and Mrs. T. E. Ellison. The reception to the conference will be under the direction of this committee with Judge and Mrs. T. E. Ellison in charge.

The officers of the association are: President—Alexander Johnson, Ft. Wayne. Vice Presidents—Thomas C. Day, Indianapolis; John M. Bloss, Muncie; Rev. J. H. Guendler, Peru; J. C. Ball, Ellettsburg; T. A. McGovern, Logansport; Mrs. Julia S. Conklin, Westfield; Marvin Campbell, South Bend; W. H. Freudenreich, Ellettsburg; M. Beck, Bloomington; Mrs. John L. Griffiths, Indianapolis.

Secretaries—Prof. Thomas F. Moran, Lafayette. Executive Committee—Geo. A. H. Shideler, Marion; F. E. Ellison, Ft. Wayne; Timothy Nicholson, Richmond; T. J. Charlton, Hanover; Miss Mary T. Wilson, Evansville; L. C. Warner, Bloomington; Prof. W. A. Boyes, Terre Haute; John H. Holliday, Indianapolis; E. A. K. Hackett, Fort Wayne; W. C. Ball, Ellettsburg; C. H. Kimbrough, Muncie; D. J. Torburn, Linton; Dr. S. E. Smith, Richmond; E. E. York, Plainfield; William P. Cooper, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Isaac Wolf, Mt. Vernon; Nan B. Wood, Sullivan.

The Central Passenger Association has made special arrangements for a half-fare for those who wish to attend the conference at Fort Wayne. However, the rates will not be granted unless certificates are secured from representatives of the charity association. Certificates can be secured from William P. Cooper, of Fort Wayne; Prof. Thomas F. Moran, of Lafayette, or Amos W. Butler, of Indianapolis. The tickets will be good from the 22nd until the 26th, inclusive.

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As a result of the letter received yesterday by the Labor day committee from D. M. Parry, stating the futility of a conference with the view of arranging a debate between Mr. Parry and Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the committee will probably take no further steps towards bringing the two men together. Mr. Parry states in his letter that it would be utterly useless to hold a conference, as he will not consider the proposition to meet Mr. Gompers on Labor day. In his somewhat lengthy letter he gives his reason and also takes advantage of the occasion to express himself in regard to the unions.

Mr. Parry's letter was written in reply to a letter from Andrew C. Hansen, a member of the Labor day committee, asking that the committee discuss the proposition. The letter of Mr. Parry follows:

Mr. Andrew C. Hansen, Care of Indianapolis Commercial Reporter, City:
Dear Sir—Replying to your favor of the 19th inst. I assure you that it would afford me pleasure to meet you and your committee any evening you may choose at my country residence, Golden Hill, which is a short walk north of Armstrong Park. But it is only proper that I should tell you that I must disappoint you in the respect that I cannot meet you on the 19th inst. I am sorry to hear of your letter I must at the same time politely but positively decline to participate in your debate with Mr. Gompers.

You say in your letter that it is important that capital and labor should come to some better understanding, and I quite agree with you on the proposition, but I must take the risk of being misunderstood. The proposed debate would further the end desired. As you are aware, Mr. Gompers has issued a boycott against my business and has announced that he intends to cause strife among my employees. As members of organized labor you are now under orders to do everything in your power to ruin me financially and to drive out of employment the men who are honest and law-abiding. What offense have I committed that I should seek such intended punishment and how comes it that an organization of citizens should inflict this punishment instead of the usual course of law? The ostensible reason assigned by your leaders arises from my giving a poor painter the right to demand a price for his work. The amount agreed upon for the week was one hundred dollars. The man employed, but it appears that the ubiquitous walking delegate discovered that it was less than the price of a painter's REAL REASON FOR BOYCOTT.

Your leaders thereupon took the ground that it was better for the man and his family to starve than to work for something less than the union scale, and thus it came about that for the offense of giving a man an odd job of painting some steps—that is, in my way, were really not satisfied particularly for paint—the firm of which I am the head, and which had nothing whatever to do with the matter, is now advertised by Mr. Gompers's orders as "unfair"—which, translated, means that anyone who sells it raw material or purchases its product does so at the risk of being boycotted. The fact is that while this little painting job is the ostensible reason, and even as such it is a matter of no consequence, the real reason is that I have exercised my American right of expressing my opinion as to methods pursued by organized labor, which methods I have on occasion not hesitated to denounce as being unwelcome to our form of government. I assure you, gentlemen, as fair-minded men, which you appear to be, I judge from your letter, I am not opposed to any organization of workmen that live by the sweat of their brow. But it must be remembered that organizations like individuals have a right to perfect freedom of action so long as they do not infringe upon the rights of others.

I have not the least doubt that if your union would realize this truth and would seek to enhance the proficiency of the members and would teach the idea that the interests of their employers were their own interests, they could accomplish a world of good for the cause of labor. But so long as you follow the advice of men who earn the salaries you pay them by stirring up strife and embittering your minds against the men who contribute their time, money, energy and thought toward furnishing you honest employment, just so long will this industrial warfare continue. Believe me, I am a true friend of labor than the man who would lead you into taking the bread from the mouths of the men that work for me.

I handled the plow in my early years and never ceased to work from that time to this, and it is a mistake to assume that I do not sympathize with any man who earns his honest livelihood, and work however humble. But in my opinion it is a grievous error that any organization of men should endeavor to possess the freedom of the individual in the rights of others, and the most previous possession of the poor man will have been wrested from him, a possession that has been bequeathed to him by the cost of centuries of bloody strife. While I might cite you cases without number in which the unions have oversteered the cost of rights in this country, yet it is sufficient to call your attention to the designs pertaining to myself of the man with whom you ask me to debate.

He has officially announced that I shall be ruined and this simply because I have exercised my right to freedom of opinion, and while it is true he cannot in anywise injure my business by his efforts, yet the intent is there and would if he could. Do you really think that any good end could be subserved by a debate between him and me? I have expressed my opinions in several recent addresses and he has expressed his. I will probably express my opinions on this subject in the near future and he will likely do the same. There is therefore no occasion for a joint debate even though there were no personal objection on my part to occupying the same platform with a man who has sinister and lawless designs against my business.

Allow me again to say that I will gladly meet your committee any evening at any time.

With kind regards to yourself personally and the members of your committee, I am yours very truly, D. M. PARRY.

HITZ CLUB ORGANIZED.

Thirteenth Ward Meeting Last Night—Mr. Newlin Explains.

Thirteenth ward supporters of Candidate Hitz, for mayor, last night took the first steps toward the organization of a Thirteenth Ward Hitz Club. Charles E. Newlin held a meeting at 612 Chestnut street, where he outlined plans for the organization of the club. The fifteenth ward supporters of the Independent ticket have announced their intention of putting up an independent candidate for candidate for mayor. Mr. Newlin wishes to correct a statement accredited to him that both the Democratic and Republican parties stand for corruption. He says he did not make this statement, but said that the present administration

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